

at least one base printer description (PPD) text file for a single natural language and a single platform combination for a particular printer; and

a PPD generator connected to import the at least one base PPD and to generate therefrom a plurality of PPD files for a variety of natural languages and platforms.

2. The development environment of Claim 1, further comprising:

at least one build file that describes a product or platform specific set of features of the base PPD.

3. A method for generating an original set of printer description (PPD) text files, the method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one base PPD text file for a single natural language and a single platform combination for a particular printer;

providing at least one build file that describes a product or platform specific set of features of the base PPD and supported natural languages; and

generating at least one set of PPD files from the base PPD and the build file.

4. A method for revising an original set of printer description (PPD) text files, the method comprising the steps of:

beginning with at least one base PPD and at least one build file that are responsible for generating at least one PPD file for at least one specific target environment;

wherein the at least one build file contains information as to how the at least one base PPD is to be edited for supported natural languages;

modifying the at least one base PPD and/or the at least one build file into corresponding revised PPD and/or build files; and

generating a revised set of PPD files from the revised base PPD and/or build file.

5. A method for manufacturing printer description (PPD) text files, the method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one base PPD;
providing at least one build file;
wherein the at least one build file contains information as to how the at least one base PPD is to be edited for supported natural languages;
generating at least one set of PPD files from the base PPD and the build file.

6. The method of claim 5, further comprising the steps of:
beginning with a base PPD and a build file that is responsible for generating a set of printer description (PPD) text files;
modifying the base PPD and/or the build file into a revised base PPD and/or a revised build file; and
generating a revised set of PPD files from the base PPD and the build file.

7. A development environment for producing a platform-language constellation of printer description files, comprising:
at least one base printer description (PPD) text file for a single natural language and a single platform combination for a particular printer; and
a PPD generator connected to import the at least one base PPD file and to generate therefrom a plurality of PPD files for a variety of natural languages and platforms.

9. The development environment of Claim 8, wherein:
the PPD generator ~~parses the at least one base PPD~~ and the at least one build file into text based instructions that are parsed and assembled by PostScript® printer drivers.

10. A method for generating an original set of printer description-(PPD) text files, the method comprising the steps of:
providing at least one base PPD;
providing at least one build file of text that describes a set of special features associated with a particular printer when used in one particular platform and natural language environment;

an generating at least one PPD text file based upon information provided by the base PPD and the build file.
